

CHRISTMAS SWINDLERS GET BUSY

CROOKS FLOCK TO NEW YORK FOR THE HOLIDAY RUSH

THEY SEEK RICH HARVEST

Police Have Their Hands Full During the Height of the Buying Season—International Marriage Company No More—Would Make Roosevelt Next Governor—Other Gotham News of Interest.

New York, Dec. 4.—Although Christmas is still more than three weeks distant, the annual influx of grafters which the holiday season always brings to New York has already grown to such proportions that the police are at their wits' ends in their endeavors to protect from all sorts of swindling schemes the pocket books which keep Santa Claus in business. From every part of the country sick beggars, fake solicitors and thieves of all kinds flock to this city which is recognized as the pauper's paradise during the pre-Christmas period. Not only the police but societies organized to prevent charitable impostures as well as their hands full more than full in dealing with this gentry. New York at Christmas time is always the mecca of the members of the underworld, but never before has the invasion been so early or so large. Last year the effects of the 1937 panic were still present and the grafters did less business than Santa Claus. But this year the wave of prosperity, after two lean seasons has proven a magnet to draw the underclass to the city to such an extent that the police have been unable to protect the public from their schemes. The games with which these sharpers use to obtain money here—and to a less extent throughout the country—are almost numberless. Such characters as Fuzzie Driftwood, Mike the Blite, Smoke Haired Thompson, One Blink Smith, and a small army of greater or less fame in the underworld are already working ingenious schemes to defraud the public in behalf of alleged charities. Practically every line of opportunity for soliciting funds for charitable purposes is already being overworked by bogus charitable solicitors who ask for money for every conceivable sort of cause from a new boys' Christmas dinner to the solicitation of medicines, old clothes and books for various homes. In such cases the contributions are converted into cash without delay. Already, it is estimated, Christmas grafters have obtained more than \$1,000,000 in New York from good-natured and prosperous persons who have believed the tales poured into their ears by these industrious swindlers.

Marriage Trust is No More.
The international marriage trust is no more, at least so far as New York is concerned, and with its passing comes the end of one of the most remarkable business undertakings which this city has ever seen. The organization which was founded here by

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six Italians had as its object the joining in matrimony of wealthy New York girls, longing for a title, with impecunious Italian noblemen whose title was their only asset. To accomplish this purpose the organizers got together a fund of about \$25,000, picked out half a dozen young Italians whose titles were as long as their purses were short, and then made up a list of marriageable feminine wealth known to have titular aspirations. Of course no direct approach was made in any case. Nothing so crude as the offer of a title in exchange for money was attempted. Instead the \$25,000 fund was used to bring the six Italian noblemen to this country, and to finance them in a social career which should ultimately afford the proper opportunity for the desired alliance of title and dollars. The profits of the organizers were to come from the percentage of wealth married by each title possessor to be paid as soon as the minister had said the final word of the scheme, so beautiful in its apparent possibilities. The venture failed, presumably for the same reason that has caused many another failure—lack of working capital. The Italian noblemen came. They lived in the best hotels, rode in automobiles and entertained lavishly. But when the \$25,000 had been spent not a single engagement, to say nothing of a marriage, had come to pass. The impecunious titled Italians then dropped suddenly out of sight. In the future if an American heiress does marry a title it will be entirely with-

out the assistance of the International Marriage company, for the company is broke.

Who Will Be the Next Governor of the Empire State?
Now that the smoke of the late election has cleared away, the analysis of the balloting has brought to light various interesting facts. The most significant of these is the certainty that ex-President Theodore Roosevelt will be the next governor of New York, if, in the words of Tim Woodruff, titular head of the Republican machine in New York state, he cares to lift his little finger to get the nomination. For a man who is lifting his rifle in Africa every day to bring down big game, this would seem a small effort, and even though Mr. Roosevelt's ambition as generally stated is believed to be to succeed Senator Dewey in the United States senate, it is now generally thought here that the governorship of the Empire state would appeal to him even more. It is a matter of common knowledge that in spite of his work in the last presidential campaign, Governor Hughes' refusal to play party politics at the cost of his personal pledges has made him unpopular with the organization politicians. His stand on the anti-race track gambling issue in which he was victorious by one vote did not strengthen him along machine lines. Other similar issues in which he has subordinated the advice of the party leaders to his personal ideas of his duty have had a similar effect. The last election shows the need of a strong man as the chief Republican candidate at the next state election if victory is to be obtained, and in looking over the field of acceptable candidates the leaders have already hit upon Mr. Roosevelt. That Boss Woodruff is right in saying that Roosevelt can have the nomination with a certainty of election if he wants it is doubted by few and New York may yet witness the unparalleled event of an ex-president returning to the governorship from which he was originally promoted.

Theodore Ruggles Timby Never Received His Just Dues.
Probably not one person in 10,000 ever heard of Theodore Ruggles Timby, who died here recently at the age of 91 years. Nevertheless he spent the last forty years of his life in an effort to prove that he and not John Ericsson invented the revolving turret, which on the Monitor helped to make so much history in the battle of that craft with the Merrimac in Hampton Roads. Dr. Timby's claims although never officially recognized by the government, received the backing of many authorities. John F. Winslow, contractor and builder of the Monitor, in a letter to Dr. Timby, written in 1885, recognized his claim as the inventor of the Monitor's revolving turret, and the United States Patent Office has certified that among its records is a caveat filed by Dr. Timby on January 18, 1843, "for a metallic revolving fort to be used on land or water and to be revolved by propelling engines located within the same." The Patent Office also certified to the filing of broader specifications covering improvements in a "revolving battery tower" by Dr. Timby in 1862. The New York legislature took the matter up in 1900 and passed a concurrent resolution asking congress to give Dr. Timby recognition. The claim was pushed by the Patriotic League of the Revolution, of which Dr. Timby's friend, Mrs. Titcomb, is president and a number of prominent men are enlisted in the fight which Dr. Timby's friends say will be carried on until the history books are set right.

A Mammoth Piece of Dental Work.
What will probably stand for a long time as the biggest piece of dental work on record was performed last week. It really was more of an engineering problem and involved the use of sledge hammers, drills and various other similar paraphernalia in the filling of a cavity four inches square by three inches deep, into which an ordinary brick could have been thrust. The cavity in question, however, was not in the tooth of a human being but in one of the lower molars of Gunda, the big elephant at the Bronx Zoo. When the pachyderm refused her regular food last Thursday, and event distained all sorts of dainties, the keepers knew that something was radically wrong. That the trouble was a raging toothache was discovered through a swelling on her jaw. By means of crowbars and blocks of wood her mouth was forced open and a careful dental examination made. As a result a huge cavity was discovered which it was at once decided to fill. Gunda was accordingly bound down to the floor with great chains and belt and her trunk was secured. But Gunda, seeming to realize her condition, gave no trouble and after two hours work the cavity was scraped, cut out with chisels and hammers, sprayed with an anti-septic solution and filled with amalgam. Upon her release Gunda trumpeted with joy and when her dentist visited her later in the day she showed her gratitude by raising him to her back with her trunk.

DELEGATES NAMED TO IMPORTANT CONVENTION

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 4.—Governor Curry has appointed the following delegates to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress which will meet at Washington, D. C. on December 8: M. A. Otero of Santa Fe; W. H. Andrews of Albuquerque; W. A. Fleming Jones of Las Cruces, and Charles A. Spiess of Las Vegas.

Holiday Advertising

This, of all times of the year, is when the merchant should advertise. Christmas shoppers eagerly scan the advertising columns of the local newspapers during the holiday season to ascertain what merchant has the most attractive offerings. The merchants who advertise consequently are the ones who get the business.

Proof positive that advertising pays, and pays the progressive and wide-awake merchant is evidenced by the thousands of dollars spent yearly by the big city department stores and by the mail order houses. If the local merchant advertises liberally, then he is able to compete with the mail order house and the Denver, Kansas City and Chicago department stores, which also do a mammoth mail order business. If he does not advertise in the local paper, then those foreign houses have a distinct advantage over him.

Las Vegas people will buy here every time, providing they can get what they want. Liberal advertising by the local merchant will convince them that they can buy right here at home, and at the same price or maybe cheaper, than what they have been in the habit of sending away for.

The progressive merchant always advertises. For instance the advertising columns of The Optic prove this. The biggest and best firms in Las Vegas are liberal in the use of printer's ink. That's why they are doing more business and have finer stores than those who do not advertise.

The Christmas rush is now on. Not many more shopping days remain in which to buy your Christmas gifts. Shop early, early in the day and early in the month.

COPY FOR WHOLE OR HALF PAGE ADVERTISEMENTS MUST BE IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS PREVIOUS TO INSURE INSERTION ON THE FOLLOWING DAY. COPY FOR NEW ADVERTISEMENTS OR CHANGES, MUST BE IN BY 9 A. M. THE DAY OF ISSUE.

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